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Number of Weavers' Co-operative Societies formed exclusively for Harijans.

* 44 Q.—SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state the number of Weavers' Co-operative Societies that are formed exclusively for the Harijans in the State?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" There are 64 Weavers' Co-operative Societies formed exclusively for Harijans in the State."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH :—" Will the Government consider the question of organizing Weavers' Co-operative Societies exclusively for the Harijans in Proddatur and Jammalamadugu taluks in view of the large number of Harijan weavers in these two taluks? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" If any such proposal comes we will certainly consider."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" How many such societies are functioning in the district of South Arcot? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."

Collection of excess water-tax from the peasants of turmeric fields in Krishna Western Delta.

* 45 Q.—SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether twice the usual water-tax was collected for the year 1951–52 from the peasants of turmeric fields all along the West Bank Canal of Krishna river; and

(*b*) if so, why?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The turmeric ayacut in the Krishna Western Delta has been specified and the list of lands included in the turmeric ayacuts was published in the *Guntur District Gazette* on 20th June 1947. Only the usual water-rate is charged in the case of the lands included under the turmeric ayacut. In the case of other lands not included in the ayacut, penal water-rate ranging from $1\frac{1}{2}$ times to twice the usual water-rate is being charged for irrigation of turmeric. In Tenali taluk, cultivation of turmeric on poramboke lands in fasli 1361 was charged at twice the usual water-rate."

SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO ;—" మంత్రిగారు ఇంతవరకు రెండు సార్లు తెలుగులో సమాధానం యిచ్చారు. కనుక నా ప్రశ్నను బాగా అర్థంచేసుకొని సమాధానం యిస్తారని ఆశిస్తాను. ఆయకట్టులోచేరని పసుపుతోటలకు నీరు అడిగితే డిశెంబరులో సప్లయిచేయవలసిన బాధ్యత లేదంటున్నారు. జనవరిలో శిస్తు మాత్రం నీటి తీరువకు రెండురెట్లు వసూలుచేస్తున్నారు. ఆసలు చాలాకాలంనుండి ఆయకట్టులోచేరని భూమికిగూడా నీరు సప్లయి అవుతూనేవున్నది. కనుక ఆ భూమిని ఆయకట్టులో వెంటనే చేర్చుతారా? "